

“The Green City”

Nagaokakyo City Declaration of Environmental Consciousness

Surrounded by the lush environs of the *nishi-yama* (Western Mountains), Nagaokakyo City’s history has long been intertwined with nature.

Nagaokakyo City’s clear waters and verdant landscapes provide plentiful natural resources for all kinds of living things to grow.

In taking advantage of the Earth, we humans have often forgotten to respect our planet. As a result, climate change and other environmental crises are worsening on a global scale.

We must remember that humankind is merely a part of nature and it is that larger nature that keeps us all alive.

With respect to this idea, the citizens of Nagaokakyo City aim to build a sustainable society that lives in harmony with nature.

Along with its companies, organizations, and other local and larger governments, all of Nagaokakyo City’s residents are resolved to devise new ways that change how we live as individuals and thrive as a society with respect for the nature that surrounds us.

It is our obligation to foster awareness for and nurture Nagaokakyo City and all of its nature so that future citizens both young and old can gain well-deserved mental respite and other richness from this symbiosis with nature.

We hereby declare to learn from the ancient history and wisdom of nature while cooperating with all members of society to build up a city that we can be proud of – a city that makes much of its relationship with the environment – “The Green City.”